*Reply of Government.*—(1) This is a matter of office arrangement, which may be left to Government to consider.

(2) Noted.

## GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS.

(Nos. 324—347.)

SUBJECT No. 324.

The Civil Service Scheme.

*Summary of discussion.*—Mr. A. Ramanna said that a Competitive Examination was not a good test for the qualities required in an administrator. He was of opinion that there should be no such examination, but that young Mysoreans, who were first class B.A.'s and M.A.'s, should be appointed as Amildars in the first instance, and when they had served in that position for say three years, they might be appointed Assistant Commissioners. If this was done, boys at College would have something high to look forward to from the beginning of their studies, and this would raise the tone of our Colleges. If competition was considered to be necessary, it should be restricted to Mysoreans. To allow outsiders to come and occupy high positions in the State and bar the prospects of local men was not to be tolerated. Mysoreans were not admitted to the I.C.S. Examination or to the Bombay Provincial Civil Service. Not that Mysoreans were behind outsiders in intellect, but since most of the examiners were Professors in the Madras Colleges, the Madras students would be able to guess the questions that would be put by them. Besides, the population of Madras and Bombay put together being ten times that of Mysore, it was clear that the Mysorean had only one chance in eleven. It might be said that the Competitive Examination was intended to improve efficiency. But why efficiency at the cost of discontent?

The Dewan said that it was a mistake to think that recruitment to the higher appointments would be made exclusively by competition and that only outsiders would get in by competition; and explained the main feature of the new scheme, under which seven out of nine recruitments to the higher grades would be by selection from the lower grades of the service, and that only two places were to be filled up by open competition so that the very best talent available might be obtained.

Mr. Ramanna asked why we should go outside Mysore when there was local talent available, and said that admitting an outsider meant that thirty or sixty more would get in as clerks, etc. He also spoke of the inequality in the rate of promotion in the A and B Schedules.

The Dewan explained that this was only until the grade of Rs. 450 was reached, and that it was only fair that the man who had passed through severe tests

should be placed in a somewhat better position than the one who was nominated.

Mr. C. Subba Rao said that, although in theory the higher appointments were thrown open to the men in the B Schedule, in effect it was not so, as the men in Schedule A would rise to the grade of Rs. 450 in twelve years, while it would take fifteen years for the men in Schedule B to get to the same position, and that, besides, the latter having risen from the ranks would have become old and liable to retirement by that time.

This, the Dewan said, could not be helped, but it was pointed out that the man who enters Schedule B need not necessarily pass through the probationary period, and that it need not always take him fifteen years to rise to the first grade.

Mr. Subba Rao referred to the difficulty experienced by outsiders who come in by competition and do not know Kanarese, in recording evidence.

Mr. Ramanna laid stress on the difficulty which young men have in obtaining employment, and said that many young men had gone seeking employment elsewhere as they did not get suitable places here.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao admitted that competition was necessary, but desired that the competition should be restricted to Mysoreans or to those who had acquired a domicile in Mysore by residence in the country for twelve or at least five years.

Mr. M. K. Krishna Murti and Mr. V. Raghavachar agreed that competition was necessary, but the latter said that the competition should be restricted to sons of the soil, and that there should be no difference in the prospects of competition men and of those who are nominated.

Mr. C. Subba Rao further urged that Kanarese should be made a compulsory subject for the examination, and that the seven appointments reserved for nomination should not be given to outsiders. He suggested that the rules of 1897 might be reverted to.

The Dewan said that the seven nominees would naturally be Mysoreans, and explained how great an improvement the present rules made in the position of the men in the lower ranks of the service, enabling as they did qualified men who joined service in the very lowest grades to rise to the very highest positions, a thing which was not possible under the old rules.

Mr. Annaiya Pandit expressed his satisfaction at the improvements made by the new scheme in the prospects of the men in the lower ranks of the service, and suggested

that the recruits coming in by competition should receive two years' training as Amildars.

Mr. Kesavaiengar said that at least one year's training as Amildar was necessary.

Mr. C. Subba Rao said that the age limit should be raised to thirty or thirty-five years, at least for the next two examinations.

The Dewan pointed out that the limit of thirty years fixed under the old rules was an exceptional provision necessary in the first few years, but no longer necessary now.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya said that, if the examination was thrown open to Madras and Bombay, the Professors in the Madras and Bombay Colleges should not be made examiners, and urged that the age limit should be raised to thirty years.

*Reply of Government.*—The matter has been fully discussed in the Assembly. It is only necessary to add that the suggestions and representations made will be noted and will receive due consideration.

SUBJECT No. 325.

Dasara subjects to be printed and supplied to all the Members.

Mr. M. Hassan Ali Baig, Mysore City Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—The Local and General Subjects, which will be discussed at the Representative Assembly, together with previous references and with the opinions of Deputy Commissioners and other officers concerned, may be printed in Kannada and supplied to all the members.

*Withdrawn.*

SUBJECT No. 326.

Revision of the rules for the election of Representative Assembly Members, etc.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL. B., Shimoga Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) A list of voters and of those eligible for election may be published in the *Mysore Gazette*, so that electors whose names are left out may apply to have their names entered before the election.

(2) Election rules may be so altered as to make graduates and advocates of about ten years' standing eligible for election. This will only revive the rules in force before 1894.

(3) District Committees of Representative Members may be authorized to be formed at the commencement of every year (beginning with Aswija) with powers to communicate with the Government on matters of importance during the year. The Committees should have their head-quarters at the district head-quarters.

*Reply of Government.*—(1) Will be done.

(2) Noted. This may be done if graduates form an association.

(3) As a first step, District meetings will be held to decide on the subjects to be brought forward. After we have seen how this works, we may consider about standing committees.